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Featuring both Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK comprises a variety of buildings and historic treasures that figured prominently in America's struggle for independence and the development of our nation. Stewardship of the park also includes responsibility for Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial and the affiliated areas Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church National Historic Site and Benjamin Franklin National Memorial. If you have questions, comments or need more information about INHP or other National Park Service sites in Philadelphia, call (800) 537-7676 or go to www.nps.gov/inde.

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Greetings from America's Most Historic Square Mile

Welcome to Philadelphia and to Independence National Historical Park (INHP). Both the INHP and HPI are very glad you're visiting us. While you are here, I hope you will not only visit our sites, but also talk with our rangers as they tell of the early days of the United States. Elsewhere in this Gazette you will learn about the buildings, the stories we tell and the events you can experience. But as you move through the park, you will notice other aspects to this unique place in American history.

Security. Ever since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, INHP has tried to balance the need for security with the desire to provide the best possible experience for our visitors. As one of a handful of "key assets" within the Department of the Interior, we are directed to provide special protection to Inde-

pendence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Screening of visitors is an important part of this security. Our staff will do all they can to speed your entry through security so you can enjoy these wonderful buildings.

Construction. Part of preserving our past involves building for the future. With millions already spent on magnificent sites like the National Constitution Center, the Independence Visitor Center and the Liberty Bell Center, we are poised to complete the landscaping for Independence Mall that will tie it all together. Elsewhere in the park, our projects to renovate the Second Bank of the United States and to restore Independence Square will be very visible as you visit. Despite the inconvenience, please rest assured that these projects will help take care of these

special places for future generations of visitors to enjoy.

Partners. You stand in the most historic square mile in America. This city is so rich in historic places, they stretch beyond the area cared for by the National Park Service. And so, to help create a seamless visitor experience, INHP works with many partners, a treasure trove of museums, homes and historic places of worship that give a broad picture of this place we call America's birthplace. I hope you will visit as many of these places as you can. Our ranger staff, the knowledgeable professionals at the Independence Visitor Center and the talented Historic Philadelphia, Inc. actors can all help you make the most of your stay.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Bomar, Superintendent

Welcome to Independence!

Visitors to the Philadelphia area will find a welcome worthy of "the place that loves you back" at the Independence Visitor Center, 6th and Market streets. Start your visit at this brand-new, state-of-the-art building where you'll find great, free information to help you plan your day:

- Hundreds of free maps and brochures
- Touch-screen computer kiosks with interactive information on more than 4,000 attractions, events, venues and tourist destinations
- Two theatres featuring orientation films throughout the day
- Video presentations and photo exhibits on area attractions
- Tickets to tours, sporting events and more

The Independence Visitor Center is also the place to pick up tickets to visit Independence Hall. For more Hall ticket information, see Page 8.

To make the experience complete, the Independence Visitor Center also offers personal trip planning services. Let the informed staff serve as your personal concierges. They'll make suggestions... and even reservations... for area hotels and dining spots. As another added convenience, purchase tickets for the Philadelphia Museum of Art and other major area attractions.

You'll also have fun and relax while you're discovering all that Philadelphia has to offer. Historic characters will put you in the Colonial spirit and Old Capitol Coffee offers tasty treats. Before you leave, browse the Independence Store for unique souvenir items.

Visitor Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Direct access to underground parking and wheelchair accessible public restrooms are also available.



For Youth Leaders

Download Independence's brand new education program *Following in Franklin's Footsteps* from www.nps.gov/inde or pick up a copy at the Independence Visitor Center. This packet of information and ideas leads school groups through the park following the trail of Benjamin Franklin. Look for additional education programs to follow in the months to come.

Language Services

Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. There is information in several languages about the Liberty Bell and other park sites. See a Ranger or ask at the Visitor Center if you have a request.

Accessibility

Park buildings, programs, films and exhibits are accessible via curb cuts, ramps, text/photo albums describing second floor displays, verbal presentations, park folders in Braille and large print, printed tours, pamphlets and booklets, park-wide signage featuring text and graphics, open captioning and assistive listening devices.

To arrange for American Sign Language services use the relay service 800-855-0000. If necessary, call us in advance at 215-597-7130. Ask a ranger for a complete listing of accessibility services available at Independence National Historical Park.



HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA 7th & Arch streets - (215) 574-0380 B3	Closed	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	12 pm - 5 pm
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY 105 South 5th Street - (215) 440-3409 D5	Closed	Closed	Closed	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm
ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 4th & Arch streets - (215) 627-2631 E3	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	Closed
THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA 219 South 6th Street - (215) 952-2688 C7	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	Closed	Closed
ATWATER KENT MUSEUM 15 South 7th Street - (215) 685-4830 B5	10 am - 5 pm	Closed	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
BETSY ROSS HOUSE 239 Arch Street - (215) 686-1252 F3	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 pm - 5 pm
BISHOP WHITE HOUSE 309 Walnut Street - E6	Open daily for tours; Tickets at the Independence Visitor Center						
CARPENTERS' HALL 320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167 E5	Closed	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm
CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA & BURIAL GROUND 2nd Street above Market Street - (215) 922-1695 F4	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	1 pm - 5 pm
CITY TAVERN 138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443 F6	Opens at 11:30 am						
CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL 44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446 D4	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 3 pm	Closed	Closed
CONGRESS HALL 6th & Chestnut streets - (215) 965-2305 C5	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
DECLARATION (GRAFF) HOUSE 7th & Market streets - (215) 965-2305 B4	9 am - 12 pm	9 am - 12 pm	9 am - 12 pm	9 am - 12 pm	9 am - 12 pm	9 am - 12 pm	9 am - 12 pm
EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 532 North 7th Street - C4	Closed	Closed	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
ELFRETH'S ALLEY 124-126 Elfreth Alley - (215) 574-0560 F2	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	12 pm - 5 pm
FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM 147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438 F2	Closed	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	Closed
FIRST BANK OF THE UNITED STATES 3rd Street between Walnut & Chestnut streets - (215) 965-2305 E6	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm
FRANKLIN COURT 314-322 Market Street - (215) 965-2305 E4	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH Columbus Boulevard near Christian Street - (215) 389-1513	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
INDEPENDENCE HALL Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets - (215) 965-2305 C5 & D6	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM 211 Columbus Boulevard - (215) 925-5439 H6	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER 6th & Market streets - (800) 537-7676 C4	8:30 am - 5 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm	8:30 am - 5 pm
KOSCIUSZKO HOUSE 3rd & Pine streets - (215) 597-9618 E8	Closed	Closed	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
LIBERTY BELL CENTER 6th between Market & Chestnut streets - (215) 965-2305 C4	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY 8th & Spruce streets - (215) 922-5446 A7	Tours by appointment only						
MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH 419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616 C9	Closed	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	Open for Services
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER 525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6600 D3	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm
NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM 321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800 E5	Closed	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY 55 North 5th Street - (215) 923-3812 D4	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm	10 am - 3 pm	Closed	12 pm - 5 pm
NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM Chestnut Street between 3rd & 4th streets - (215) 965-2305 E5	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm	2 pm - 5 pm
OLD CITY HALL 5th & Chestnut streets - (215) 965-2305 D5	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH 4th & Race streets - (215) 922-4566 E1	Tours by appointment only						
OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051 D8	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	Open for Services
OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH 4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge - (215) 627-1838 D1	Tours by appointment only						
OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE 321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733 E6	Tours by appointment only						
OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH 248 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930 D7	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm	9 am - 4:30 pm
PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP 325 Chestnut Street - (215) 597-8974 E5	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
PHYSICK HOUSE 321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866 E8	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am - 2 pm	11 am - 2 pm	11 am - 2 pm	Closed
POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM 308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700 E6	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm	Closed
POWEL HOUSE 244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364 E7	Closed	Closed	Closed	12 pm - 5 pm	12 pm - 5 pm	12 pm - 5 pm	1 pm - 5 pm
RIVERLINK FERRY Penn's Landing - (215) 925-LINK H5	9 am - 5:40 pm	9 am - 5:40 pm	9 am - 5:40 pm	9 am - 5:40 pm	9 am - 5:40 pm	9 am - 5:40 pm	9 am - 5:40 pm
ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788 E1	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 3 pm	By appointment only	By appointment only
ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3rd & Pine streets - (215) 925-5968 E8	8 am - 4 pm	8 am - 4 pm	8 am - 4 pm	8 am - 4 pm	8 am - 4 pm	11 am - 3 pm	1 pm - 3 pm
TODD HOUSE 4th & Walnut streets - E6	Open daily for tours; Tickets at the Independence Visitor Center						
UNITED STATES MINT 5th & Arch streets - (215) 408-0114 D2-3	Limited tours available; Call for details						

New National Constitution Center Offers Something for Everyone

The National Constitution Center, located on Independence Mall just a couple of blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, is the first museum in the world dedicated to dramatically telling the story of the Constitution and We the People through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, and artifacts. The new Center, which opened to the public July 4, 2003, offers something for everyone – from the casual visitor to the serious scholar,

from the young to the young at heart.

The visitor's experience begins with The Story of We the People, the permanent exhibit at the Constitution Center. The first part of the story unfolds during "Freedom Rising," which features a live actor and multimedia elements on a 360° screen and tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times through today. Visitors then enter The American Experience where the story of the Constitution is told through interactive

and multimedia components. The experience comes to a climax in Signers' Hall, where visitors can walk among 42 life-size bronze figures of the men who were present at the signing of the Constitution. It is here that each visitor is given the opportunity to sign their name to today's Constitution.

In addition, the Center's Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach offers a wide variety of programs tailored specifically for families, adults and schools.

The National Constitution Center is open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day), Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children (ages 62+ and 4-12), and \$4 for groups of 20 or more. Children age four and under are free. The museum also offers on site parking, a museum store, and a 225-seat restaurant.

For more information, call (215) 409-6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.



Courtesy of the National Constitution Center - Scott Frances LTD

The Center's permanent exhibit *The American Experience* tells the story of the Constitution through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, text, photographs and artifacts.

Eating Out

If all this sightseeing is making you hungry, why not grab a bite at one of the Historic District's many unique dining spots?

To stay in the colonial spirit, try a traditional 18th century meal at City Tavern, 2nd and Walnut, where you'll dine as the founders did. If time is of the essence, there are quick, cheap eats on every corner. To please the whole family with one stop, try the food court at the historic Bourse Building, 5th Street, above Market.

Old City is also home to several world class dining spots as well as a wide variety of ethnic restaurants to tempt more adventurous tastebuds.

For more dining recommendations or reservations, stop in at the Independence Visitor Center, 6th and Market streets.



Special days and events

MAY



Betsy Ross House

Wednesdays-Saturdays,
Betsy Ross House

Meet a Person from the Past

From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. a costumed interpreter will be on hand at the Betsy Ross House to share stories from Colonial times. Ask questions about 18th-century Philadelphia people and places, or just listen in to hear fascinating tales of life that was far from ordinary.

May 16, National Constitution Center

"Now Let Me Fly"

This dramatic reading commemorates the landmark Brown v.

Board of Education decision. The free event takes place at 2 p.m. in the Kirby Auditorium.

May 8, Elfreth's Alley

Colonial Craft Demonstration

Talk with a craftsman of today about the tools and trade of yesteryear. Visit Elfreth's Alley and see an actual Windsor chair being made with colonial-era tools by chairmaker-in-residence, Tony Passarelli. A fun, free activity for the whole family. Mr. Passarelli will also appear at Elfreth's Alley on Sunday, May 22. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.



Elfreth's Alley

May 27, National Constitution Center

A Constitutional Conversation

Renowned newswoman Cokie Roberts talks about her new book, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*, at 12:30 p.m. in the Kirby Auditorium. Cost is \$9 for NCC members; \$12 for non-members.

May 29 & 30, Penn's Landing

Jam on the River

Kick off the summer season at the 19th Annual Jam on the River, 1-9 p.m. at the Great Plaza. This popular music and food festival boasts a variety of food vendors, Extreme games, Jam marketplace and great waterfront views.

JUNE

June 3, Christ Church

Anniversary Celebration

This date marks the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Christ Church steeple, 2nd Street above Walnut. Plans for the celebration include the lighting of the steeple for all to

see, as well as special talks and tours of the church focusing on the history of the steeple and will be free to the public. Site hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 12 & 13, Elfreth's Alley

Fete Days

It happens only twice a year – Elfreth's Alley's private homes are open to the public! Fete Days, June 12 and 13, 2004, noon to 5 p.m. Learn about 300 years of American history through house and garden tours, mini-lectures and craft demonstrations including Windsor chair making, pottery, and papermaking. There is even a special Kids Alley filled with fun hands-on activities for any age – children under 12 are FREE!

June 14, Betsy Ross House

Flag Day

What better place to celebrate Flag Day than the Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street! From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. a variety of fun, free events are planned for the whole family. There will be entertainment on the

House's Courtyard Stage, make and take crafts for kids, demonstrations by colonial craftspeople, and more. Plus, don't miss the chance to meet Betsy Ross in person!

June 14, National Constitution Center

Flag Day

The Flag Day celebration continues at the Constitution Center, where visitors can help build the world's largest American Flag out of jelly beans! Troupe Cabana performs at 1 p.m. in the Grand Hall Lobby.



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*For more information, call
(215) 574-0560 or visit
www.elfrethsalley.org.*

Independence National Historical Park Sites

Independence Hall

Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets

Visit the building where Americans boldly declared their Independence and, eleven years later, established a radically constitutional form of government.

Timed tickets are needed to tour the building. See back page for details.



Independence National Historical Park Service

Independence Hall

Great Essentials Exhibit

(West Wing of Independence Hall)

This exhibit features the documents associated with the founding of this nation as well as the inkstand used to sign the documents.

The Liberty Bell Center

6th Street between Market & Chestnut streets

View the most recognizable symbol of American's freedom in its state-of-the-art new home, which features exciting exhibits about this iconic bell.



Kristen Ciappa-GFTMC

The Liberty Bell

Congress Hall

6th & Chestnut streets

As the capitol of the United States from 1790-1800 this building saw the establishment of the government under the United States Constitution. George Washington and John Adams each took the oath of office as President of the United States in this building.

Old City Hall

Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets

This building was used by the United States Supreme Court for their biannual sessions from 1791 to 1800, when the capital was moved from Philadelphia to Washington D.C.



Independence National Historical Park Service

Old City Hall

Franklin Court

3rd & Market streets

Statesman, printer, author, scientist, inventor... learn all about the prolific Benjamin Franklin at these six sites. Visit the B. Free Franklin Post Office, the depiction of Franklin's home and a representation of an 18th-century printing office.



Independence National Historical Park Service

Franklin Court

Carpenters' Hall

320 Chestnut Street

Built in 1770, Carpenters' Hall was the meeting place of the First Continental Congress in September 1774. During the Revolutionary War, the building served as a hospital and arsenal for American forces. It has been owned and run by the Carpenters' Company since it was built.

New Hall Military Museum

Chestnut Street between 3rd & 4th streets

Originally the office of the first Secretary of War, Henry Knox, this building now houses exhibits honoring the United States Army, Marine Corps and Navy.



Independence National Historical Park Service

New Hall Military Museum

Bishop White House/Todd House

*309 Walnut Street
4th & Walnut streets*

Ranger led tours help visitors explore the social world of eighteenth century Philadelphia through the eyes of the White and Todd families. Details on tours available at the Independence Visitor Center.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

301 Pine Street

Kosciuszko was a true patriot, who fought for freedom in the American colonies and in his native Poland. He lived in this house, the smallest site in the National Park System, from 1797-98. A short slide show, in English or Polish, is available upon request.

Declaration House (Graff House)

7th & Market streets

Thomas Jefferson lived here in the summer of 1776, when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Request the free 10-minute movie, *Portrait of a Patriot*, which tells the story of Jefferson writing the words that changed the world.

First Bank of the United States

3rd Street between Walnut & Chestnut streets

Victory Over the Wilderness-More Interesting Than That Over Men: Americans Explore the Frontier 1750-1825. Portraits from the permanent Independence NHP collection, including those of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.



First Bank of the United States

Deshler-Morris House: The Germantown White House

5442 Germantown Avenue

This house served as the official residence of President George Washington during the 1793 Yellow Fever epidemic. Cabinet meetings held at the house debated the United States' position on the war between England and France. Washington's household, including his enslaved Africans, lived here.

American Philosophical Society

105 South 5th Street

Stuffing Birds, Pressing Plants, Shaping Knowledge, a contemporary exploration of early American natural science presenting images and artifacts drawn largely from the Philosophical Society's collection. Many items are on view for the first time.



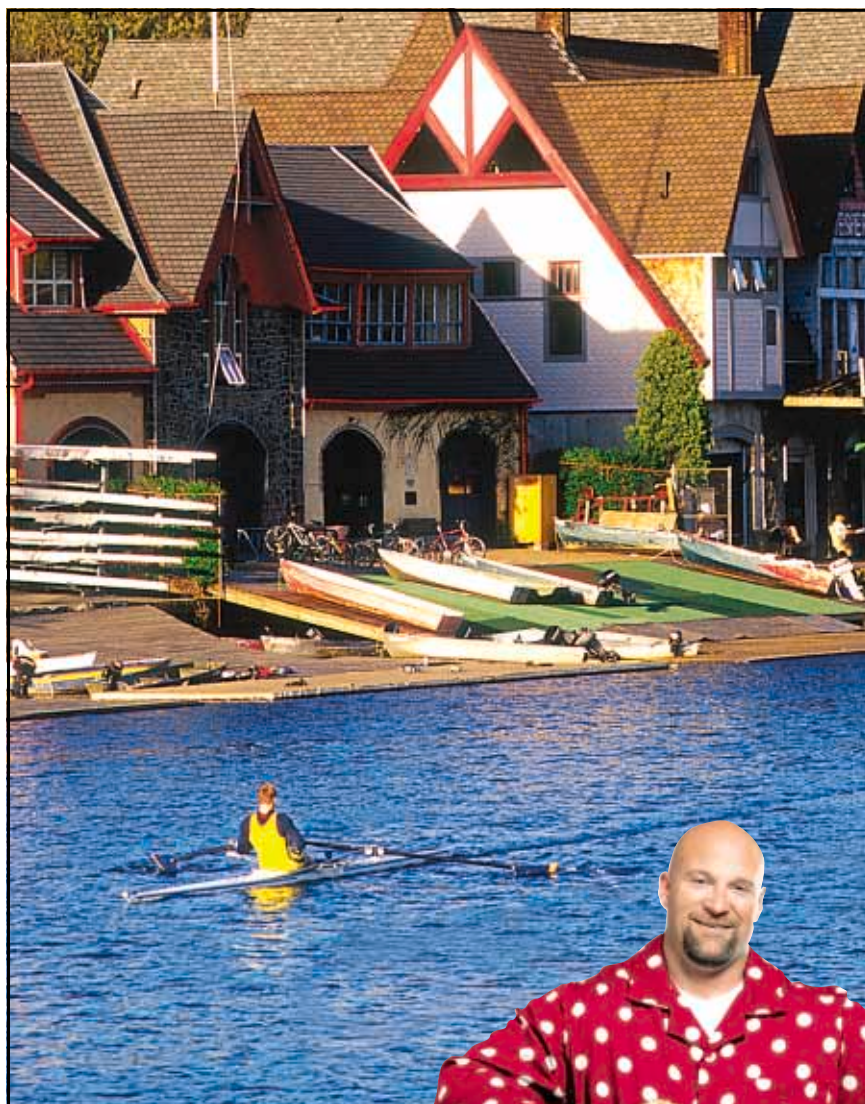
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Philosophical Society

Spring - Summer Programs



Event		Time	Duration	Meeting Place	Description
Meet Betsy Ross		10 am	3 hours	Betsy Ross House Courtyard	Meet the famous lady in person. Betsy mingles with visitors and tells tales of her fascinating life and times.
Colonial Crafter		10:30 am 3 pm	1/2 hour 2 hours	Betsy Ross House Courtyard	Watch as wool is spun on a spinning wheel, and a drop spindle and lace and ribbon are made... just as they did it in the 18th century.
Stars of Our Story		11 am & 1 pm	20 minutes	Betsy Ross House Courtyard Stage	The whole family will enjoy this short, entertaining play about the life and legend of Betsy Ross, America's most famous flagmaker.
Colonial Conjurer (Except Mondays)		11 am Noon	1 hour 1 hour	The Bourse Building Betsy Ross House Courtyard	Magic was a popular form of entertainment in the 18th century. Watch as this costumed magician performs tricks from centuries ago that still wow audiences today.
Under the Mulberry Tree with Benjamin Franklin		11 am	1 hour	Franklin Court	Benjamin Franklin shares stories from his amazing times and answers visitors' questions about his life as a printer, author, scientist, inventor and statesman.
Founders of America		Noon	2 hours	Carpenters' Hall	Hear about the turbulent, exciting times when America was born, right from some of the famous founders. You'll meet Thomas Jefferson, Abigail Adams, George Washington and others.
Call to Arms		12:30 pm & 1:30 pm	30 minutes	Signer's Garden	You'll be recruited in the Continental Army and drilled as the soldiers were during the Revolutionary War.
Joke & Dagger Stage Show		1:30 pm & 2:30 pm	20 minutes	Betsy Ross House Courtyard Stage	Watch this hilarious sword-fight, and then join us on stage to learn the basics of safe stage combat.
Glass Armonica Concert		2 pm	1 1/2 hour	Carpenters' Hall	You'll be mesmerized by the ethereal sounds of Ben Franklin's glass musical instrument.
All the World's A Stage		2 pm	20 minutes	Betsy Ross House Courtyard Stage	How were 18th-century audiences different from those of today? You'll find out in this humorous play that's fun for the whole family.
Soldier's Life Demonstration		3 pm	1 1/2 hour	Betsy Ross House Courtyard	A Continental Army soldier will talk about his daily life and demonstrate his weapons, tools and more.
The Quest for Freedom		2 pm	1 hour	Independence Visitor Center	Marvel at incredible stories of courage as Rangers bring stories of abolition and the Underground Railroad to life.
Jefferson in Philadelphia		10:30 am	20 minutes	Declaration House	Find out what life was like for Thomas Jefferson while he rented rooms at this house during the summer of 1776.
The Fugitive Slave Act Absalom Jones Petition		Ask a Ranger for times and details		Congress Hall	A free African responds to the passing of the first federal Fugitive Slave Act and the affect it had on the bold statement in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal."
The Crisis of Slavery in the Capitol City		Ask a Ranger for times and details		Old City Hall	Rangers will discuss challenges and ironies of trying to establish a democratic government in a slave holding society.
Franklin's Glass Music		11 am & 2 pm	20 minutes	Franklin Court	Franklin's wife described the sound of the glass musical instrument he invented as being like the "voices of angels."



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Check This Out!



The Past Comes to Life in Historic Philadelphia

As you explore the historic district, don't be surprised if your odd attire and strange way of speaking draw surprised glances from some of our citizens... our colonial citizens, that is!

During your visit, you'll encounter Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s People of the Past... costumed interpreters who will sweep you back to the exciting days of the 18th century when our nation was new. From the famous to the ordinary, they all have fascinating tales to tell.

Meet some everyday colonial Philadelphians at the Independence Visitor Center. These goodwill ambassadors will help you plan your day and give you details about HPI's other programs.

If it's "celebrities" that interest you, don't miss Founders of America and Under the Mulberry Tree. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Abigail Adams and other famous founders mix and mingle with the public, answering questions and sharing colorful tales from their fascinating lives and times.

Kids will especially love the Colonial Conjuror's 18th-century magic tricks and the whole family will be thrilled by the

unique opportunity to drill with the Continental Army in Call to Arms.

Make sure to visit the Betsy Ross House for non-stop historical programming all day long. From colonial crafts, to short performances, plan to spend some time in the house's shady courtyard taking it all in.

All of HPI's programs are free to the public. For times and details, see the schedule on page 7.

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides entertain-

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ATTENTION

INDEPENDENCE HALL VISITORS

Don't forget, all visitors to Independence Hall need a free, timed ticket!

Here are the important facts you should know about tickets and security:

- Each visitor can request up to six tickets, in person, for any available time during the day of the visit.
- Pick up tickets at the Independence Visitor Center "will call" window an hour to an hour and a half before your tour is scheduled to start.
- Advanced reservations tickets may be picked up after 3 p.m. the day before the scheduled tour.
- Cross Market Street, join the line at the screening facility at least 45 minutes to an hour before your scheduled tour.
- Rangers will direct you to the appropriate entrance to the screening facility.
- After screening, enjoy your visit to the Liberty Bell Center.
- Cross Chestnut Street, and visit Independence Square.*
- Exit Independence Square at 5th and Chestnut or at the south of the Square by the Barry Statue.

** There will be an opportunity to leave the secure area after visiting the Liberty Bell.*